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1. Jose de la Fuente, principal leader of the Communist Party of Spain (CPS) in Argentina, traveled clandestinely to Montevideo on or about 4 August 1948 to consult with Manuel Delicado, CPS leader in Uruguay. This consultation concerned the inevitable reorganization of the CPS in Argentina which is necessitated by the recent expulsion from the Party of Eustacio Amilibia Machimbarrena, principal Basque Communist in Buenos Aires.
2. According to an official statement published by the CPS, Amilibia was expelled for having entered into conciliatory relations with the Franco Ambassador, Jose Maria Areilza, and for having broken party discipline. However, Amilibia was expelled as a result of his repeated controversies with de la Fuente over the subject of Basque autonomy.
3. It is expected that de la Fuente will give Delicado a complete account of the current CPS situation in Argentina, and that together they will endeavor to formulate a plan of reorganization which will counteract any damaging effects of the Amilibia expulsion.
4. de la Fuente will remain at the head of the CPS in Argentina, and that the organization will continue to receive and follow instructions from Delicado in Montevideo or from the central organization in France.

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